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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 September 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Specification*

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

On page 6, line 5, --radial-- should be inserted preceding “width” to clarify the dimension to which “width” refers.

On page 6, line 5, “then” should read --than--.

On page 9, line 14, “centre” should read --center--.

On page 10, line 12, 30’ should read 30”.

The specification describes the displacer as rotating within the cylinder. This is incorrect since the displacer does not rotate, but planetates within the cylinder. See page 4, bottom paragraph which describes eccentrics 21 for preventing rotation of the displacer. Therefore each occurrence of mention of rotation of the displacer should correctly state that the displacer planetates (see page 1, line 5; and page 5, line 6, for example).

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: there is no basis in the specification for “mid-axis”.

Appropriate correction is required.

### *Drawings*

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.84(h)(5) because Figure 2 shows modified forms of construction in the same view.

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Figures 5a, b and c must be numbered separately as Fig. 5a, Fig. 5b and Fig. 5c.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1 to 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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Claims 1 to 40 are incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the necessary structural connections.

See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted structural cooperative relationships are as follows:

In claim 1, the housing, drive, crank drive and the helical sealing element are recited in a structurally disconnected manner.

In claim 29, the gas ballast facility is recited in a structurally disconnected manner.

In claim 37, the helical sealing element is recited in a structurally disconnected manner.

In claim 1, the “housing” and the “fixed cylinder” are the same part (see page 4, para. 3). This is therefore a double inclusion of elements.

In claim 1, line 5, and claim 37, line 3, “rotating” is incorrect and misleading and should read --planetating-- for the reasons set forth previously.

In claim 1, bottom line, relative to what structure does the displacer not make contact.

In claim 1, bottom line, and claim 37, line 2 from the bottom, “circulates” is not understood. This should be changed to read --planetates--.

Claim 3 is not understood. The cylinder and the housing are described as being the same structure in the specification.

In claim 13, it is not clear what is meant by “unoccupied side face”.

In claim 39, “low pressure” is an unbased comparison.

Thorough revision of the claims is required in order to render them definite in form according to the statute.

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***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1 to 40 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

In view of the conditional allowability of the claims, the restriction requirement of the prior Office action is hereby withdrawn.

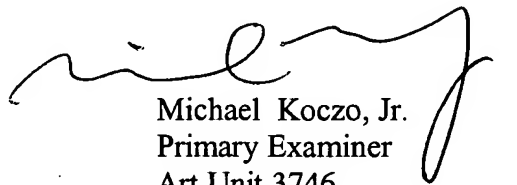
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Kocz, Jr. whose telephone number is 571-272-4830. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th; 7:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Timothy S. Thorpe can be reached at 571-272-4444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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